

House Resolution No. 2247

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who have demonstrated thus far in life a tremendous potential as future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Lauren Miller has attained considerable distinction as a senior at Mexico High School where she is universally praised as the co-editor of the Growl, a freelance writer for The Mexico Ledger, and a semifinalist in the Ernest Hemingway Writing Awards program; and

Whereas, Lauren Miller recently enhanced her already substantial record of achievement when she was named the 2004 National Student Journalist of the Year at the Journalism Education Association's spring convention in San Diego, California; and

Whereas, chosen as Missouri High School Journalist of the Year in February 2004, Lauren Miller was selected for subsequent national honors by a panel of fifteen judges who evaluated her portfolio consisting of a resume, writing samples, award certificates, letters of recommendation, and a personal essay; and

Whereas, Lauren Miller's portfolio was rated on its quality, scope, and impact in the areas of skilled and creative use of media, inquiring mind and investigative persistence, courageous and responsible handling of sensitive issues, variety of journalistic experience, and sustained and commendable work with community media; and

Whereas, eighteen-year-old Lauren Miller not only became the first Mexico High School student to receive National Student Journalist of the Year honors, but she is also the first such student from any school in the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, Lauren Miller is the daughter of Mike and Leslie Miller who are undoubtedly thrilled by the five-thousand-dollar scholarship which accompanies National Student Journalist of the Year status:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Lauren Miller as the National Student Journalist of the Year by the Journalism Education Association and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as she prepares to further her education through studies in the field of journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Lauren Miller of Mexico High School.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2247, adopted April 28, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker